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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/821,215	Applicant(s) WANG ET AL.	
	Examiner BRIAN P. YENKE	Art Unit 2622	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on RCE (07/29/09).
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 07/29/09 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Van Der Weij et al., US 5,781,245 in view of Trew, US 5,936,661.

In considering claim 1,

a) the claimed providing a caption generating module is met by elements server 612, generator 614 and inserter 616 (col 4, line 14-22), wherein based upon a user's selection of a particular TXT page (col 4, line 37-61) wherein the TXT data is merged transparently (col 3, line 49-57).

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b) the claimed providing a caption overlaying module..is met by transmitter 618, inserter 616 along with the generator 614 and server 612, wherein the combined/mingled image (video/TXT) is transmitted from one location to another, also as noted by Van Der Weij, the system may be used for a multiple user game or video conference (col 6, line 35-40), where signals would be transferred from one location to another. It is also noted than Van Der Weij discloses that the user may activate or deactivate one or more of the windows via a user request (col 6, line 34-45).

It is noted that Van Der Weij, does not explicitly recite the conventional features of the cable TV signal (608) being encoded or digital, nonetheless, the examiner will evidence the features of such.

The examiner incorporates Trew, US 5,936,661, which discloses that TV signal/Teletext signal being transmitted which discloses that analog or digital signals may be transmitted/received, wherein signals would have to be encoded (via MPEG when digital) (col 7, line 14-39 and col 9, line 35-65),

The motivation for modifying Van Der Weij with Trew is to provide conventional transmission/reception capability by using encoded digital signals.

In considering claim 2,

Van Der Weij discloses that the portioning of the image/display/windows (size, orientation, number of windows) is known in the art and is typically done at the broadcasting side (col 3, line 31-39), in addition it is noted that Van Der Weij discloses the use of a video conferencing system, including multiple users.

In considering claim 4,

As stated above with respect to claim 1, Van Der Weij discloses displaying the TXT information on a transparent background.

In considering claims 5,

The combination above does not explicitly recite "dot matrix" however this is a conventional format of captioned data, thus the examiner takes "OFFICIAL NOTICE" regarding such. See attached previously cited US20030215219.

In considering claim 6,

The combination above discloses overlaying the caption/TXT on the digital image prior to encoding, since the two signals are combined into a single signal.

In considering claim 7,

Please refer to claim 1 above.

In considering claim 8,

Please refer to claim 5 above.

In considering claims 9-10,

Van Der Weij discloses a TXT generator 614, inserter 616 and sending unit 618 via cable TV network 608, although Van Der Weij does not explicitly recite a CODEC unit, the functions of overlaying the caption data with image data is performed thus meeting the limitation.

Wherein Trew discloses the features of encoding an image signal with caption data for transmission meeting the limitation.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Yenke whose telephone number is (571)272-7359. The examiner work schedule is Monday-Thursday, 0730-1830 hrs.

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